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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows. Insertions are shown underlined while deletions are ~~struck-through~~.

Page 1, before the first sentence, please insert:

This is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/237,301 filed May 27, 2003, and the complete disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by this reference.

Page 7, the paragraph beginning in line 3:

Here, the notching structure of the knurling 22 is not particularly limited if only the displacement of the annular cover 20 can be prevented, but a lattice-like mesh pattern is preferred, wherein a pitch between knurl tops is around 0.5 to ~~0.33.0~~ mm, more preferably on the order of 1.5 mm and a depth of knurls is around 0.3 to 1.5 mm, more preferably on the order of 0.6 mm. The width W1 of the knurling 22 is desired to be as wide as possible for the purpose of heightening the anchoring effect of the annular cover 20, but preferred to be about 0.6 to 0.8 time the width W2 of the annular cover 20, taking account of the fact that a too wide knurling beyond the annular cover 20 will cause the rubber to intrude in the knurling 22 when the rubber-like elastomer 14 is vulcanization molded (cf. Fig. 5).